

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
August 13, 2019  
6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Minchuck was absent. All other members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

Mr. Pettit read the Proclamation for the Andrean Boys’ Basketball Team honoring the boy’s for their accomplishment on becoming State Champions. Mr. Pettit then read the Proclamation for the Andrean High School Boys Baseball Head Coach Dave Pishkur pronouncing August 13, 2019 to be Dave Pishkur Day in the Town of Merrillville.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated August 13, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

Mrs. Barron had no report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca referred to Ms. Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich made mention of a Back to School drive that was partnered with Cardinal Cheer Squad; 100 backpacks, pin and pencils were given away to students. Mr. Orlich reported that no phone calls of swings not being replaced at Rosenbalm Park have been made. Ms. Orlich also made mention to \$14,000 in bollards being added to E&L Trail due to construction workers dumping garbage on trail which they now dump construction in parking lots on Whitcomb St, police are asked to surveil the area. Ms. Orlich said the Savannah Ridge equipment has been installed but it would be five weeks before the emporium place goes in to complete the playground. Finally, Ms. Orlich announced the success of both summer concerts.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mr. Barron had no report but referred to Mr. Lake who reported that contractors where out on the Lakewood estate. Mr. Lake then brought mention to a preconstruction meeting with “Our Construction” who would be working on Taft St. for the box culver construction.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mr. Spann had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES**

Mr. Hardaway had no reports.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**ORADINANCES**

**FIRST READINGS: (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

**Ordinance 19-18, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the various Community Crossing Grant Fund for the year 2019 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Ordinance 19-19, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana, authorizing additional Appropriations within both the Casino Fund and Motor Vehicle Fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**SECOND READINGS:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 19- 31, (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

Resolution of Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within The Park General Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 19- 32, (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana adopting the 2019 Update Lake Count Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 19-33, (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the Local Road and Street Fund Budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 19-34, (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the Motor Vehicle and Motor Fund Budget. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 19-35, (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Park Authority of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 19-36, (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution establishing that only Ward 7 and Ward 5 polling stations are open for the upcoming General Election and all matters related thereto. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**BZA ACTIONS:**

<b>Petitioner:</b>	Richard Scheffers
<b>Owner:</b>	Richard Scheffers
<b>Request:</b>	Variance of use approval
<b>Purpose:</b>	To allow LED electronic message center
<b>Location:</b>	9424 Independence St.
<b>Zoning:</b>	C-2 Community Commercial
<b>Case #:</b>	Z27uV6-0719
<b>Conditions:</b>	Petitioner will promote town events when requested.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. The Council had some discussed. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Petitioner:** Michael Shannon  
**Owner:** Michael Shannon  
**Request:** Special Exception approval  
**Purpose:** To allow chickens in a residential zoning district  
**Location:** 2545 W 65th Ave  
**Zoning:** R-2, Residential Zoning District  
**Case #:** Z25E6-0719  
**Conditions:** For this petitioner only, at this location only, and for this use only.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to table the BZA until the next Town Council Meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. The Council discussed. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Petitioner:** Wu and Tran Merrillville LLC  
**Owner:** 8117 Georgia St.  
**Request:** Special Exception Approval  
**Purpose:** Dine-In Restaurant  
**Location:** 8117 Georgia St.  
**Zoning:** C-3, Highway Commercial Zoning District  
**Case #:** Z29E7-0719  
**Conditions:** For this petitioner only, at this location only, and for this use only.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca and Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Environmental Resource Committee Meeting August 15th at 2:00 P.M.  
Employee Appreciation Day August 18th Deep River Water Park  
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting August 20th at 5:00 P.M.  
Plan Commission Meeting August 20th at 6:30 P.M.  
Abandoned Blighted Properties Committee Meeting August 22nd at 2:30 P.M.  
Town Council Meeting August 27th at 6:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca.

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**Richard Hardaway, President**

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**Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer**